

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-14 (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) A method for cutting a web conveyed along a conveyance direction, and subsequent feeding and threading it up into a processing line, said web comprising a central portion and edges, the method comprising the steps of:

- (i) cutting off at least one edge laterally from the central portion along said conveyance direction;
- (ii) cutting said at least one edge along a direction transverse to the conveyance direction;
- (iii) Taking up said at least one edge into the processing line through edge channel(s) showing said channel(s) comprising a section substantially closed and comprising with movable lids;
- (iv) securing said at least one edge in a pulling unit located at ~~the other extremity of~~ along the processing line past said channel(s);
- (v) opening the lids of the channel(s) ~~to release said at least one edge so as~~ to allow the central portion to be entrained along said conveyance direction; and
- (vi) cutting the central portion transversely to the conveyance direction.

16. (Previously amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web according to claim 15, wherein the taking up step (iii) comprises sucking the edges into tube channels.

17. (Previously amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web according to claim 15 further comprising the step of forming a loop of edges at the vicinity of the edge channel during step (ii).

18. (Previously amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web according to claim 15 wherein both edges are processed.

19. (Previously amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web according to claim 18, wherein said both edges are processed simultaneously.

20. (Previously amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web according to claim 18, wherein said both edges are processed independently.
21. (Previously amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web according to claim 20, wherein said both edges are processed sequentially.
22. (Previously amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web according to claim 15, wherein the cutting step (i) comprises a step of keeping the central cutting means at a non-moving state for lateral cutting off the edges from the central portion.
23. (Previously amended) method for cutting and feeding a web according to claim 15, wherein the cutting step (ii) comprises a step of instantaneous transversely cutting of the edges.
24. (Previously amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web to claim 15, wherein the cutting step (vi) comprises moving the central cutting means towards each other transversely to the conveyance direction.
- 25-28 (Cancelled)
29. (New) The method according to claim 15 wherein the step of cutting the central portion transversely to the conveyance direction occurs ahead of said channel(s) along the conveyance direction and after said step of securing said at least one edge in said pulling unit.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 10(a), 10(b), 11(a), 11(b), 12(a), 12(b) 16(a) and 16(b). These sheets replace the original sheets.

Attachment.